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## Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members:** Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County (via tele-conference), Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor.

**Absent:** Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Zenovia Evans-representing south Cook County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County and Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago.

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Kermit Wies, Matt Maloney, Tom Garritano and Sherry Kane.

**Others Present:** Tina Dalman-Daspin & Aument LLP/ ULI, David Galowich-Madison/ULI, Richard Sewell-Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Andy Plummer-RTA, Dennis McClendon-Chicago CartoGraphics (Burnham Plan Centennial), Chris Staron-NWMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, Len Cannata-WCMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Vicky Smith-SWC, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Lenore Beyer-Clow-Openlands, Ed Paesel-SSMMA and Jamy Lyne-Will County

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Other Board members introduced themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Roger Claar and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

The third in a series following water and transportation policy, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP had hosted a congressional delegation district staff briefing that focused on housing and foreclosure issues facing the region. Blankenhorn went on to report that CMAP is gearing up for its most intense public involvement during the regional planning process, referred to as "Invent the Future" and asked that Board members help spread the word in their respective areas to attend one of two sessions at the Chicago Botanic Garden on May 27, 2009. The Board will meet jointly with the Policy Committee in June, Blankenhorn reported, that coincides with a quadrennial MPO review. A presentation by the US Department of Transportation is expected.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

The following procurements were recommended for approval. An annual contract with UIC's College of Urban Planning and Policy in the amount of \$114,015 was approved on a motion by Dan Shea that was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried. A motion by Russell Hartigan to approve a contract with Great Arc in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 was seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor carried. A motion by Alan Bennett to approve a contract with Pathfinder in the amount of \$45,750 was seconded by Russell Hartigan and with all in favor carried. A motion by Mayor Roger Claar to approve a contract with SunGard Public Sector for a remote service provider addendum to the software license agreement for a three year period and an optional additional two years at an FY2010 annual cost of \$32,400 was seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor carried. A motion by Mayor Claar to approve contracts (not to exceed \$50,000 each or \$250,000 collectively) with John Bowman, Kostas Goulias, Ram Pendyala, Tom Rossi and Peter Vovsha for participation in the cadre to create the strategic plan for advanced travel modeling was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor carried. A payment of \$50,000 to Cook County for the 2009 Collaborative Aerial Imagery Project was approved on a motion by Alan Bennett that was seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor carried. A contract award to Cambridge Systematics in the amount of \$299,942 was approved on a motion by Russell Hartigan that was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor carried. Finally, a motion by Mayor Michelini that was seconded by Russell Hartigan and with all in favor carried to approve a contract with Hey and Associates for \$100,000.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

From its meeting earlier in the morning, Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported the following:

Major transportation capital projects – Because it is the formal long-range transportation plan for the region, *GO TO 2040* will include recommendations for major transportation capital projects. The committee discussed the process for evaluating and recommending these projects. Discussion centered on proposed measures by which major transportation capital projects would be evaluated as well as the definition of major capital projects. The committee expects to recommend a set of evaluation measures to the Board for action at the June meeting.

Public engagement update – Staff updated the committee on public engagement activities planned for this summer. The results of several recent youth-oriented “Bold Ideas” contests were also shown.

Collaboration with Chicago Community Trust – Staff described progress made on activities funded by the Chicago Community Trust. One element of *GO TO 2040* funded by the Trust is the preparation of reports on human and community development topics such as education, health, and others. Summaries of these reports are expected to be posted online for comment as part of this summer’s public involvement.

#### **7.0 Appointment of Nominating Committee**

CMAP Board Chair Gerald Bennett selected Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing suburban Cook County and Marilyn Michelini-representing the collar Counties to serve as a nominating committee and to recommend to the Board at its next meeting officers and members of the executive committee. A motion supporting Mayor Bennett’s selection was made by Mayor Roger Claar, was seconded by Alan Bennett and with all in favor carried.

#### **8.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that additional concerns had been raised regarding the DRI process and suggested the matter be tabled today. Since prepared, Deputy Executive Director Technical & Research Analysis, Kermit Wies gave an overview of the DRI process explaining the contents of the documents, covering the chronological sequence of events through the public comment period that concluded near the end of 2008. Wies went on to say that ULI had convened a technical review panel, with CMAP preparing an alternate proposal adapted as v2 that had also taken into consideration material submitted by CMAP’s Environmental and Natural Resources Committee. The document that evolved would direct a workable pilot for a 2 year period Wies continued, that gives the Board fairly concise direction to accept a project as DRI prompting staff to prepare an evaluation for consideration or to reject the project directing that staff take no further action. Programming Coordinating Committee Chair Joe Deal, on behalf of the committee, added that the process was not regulatory, rather would add value and that if another month was needed to help people be more comfortable with the process, he would favor that since a unified consensus of the Board was being sought. Board members complimented the Programming Committee and CMAP staff and offered appreciation to ULI on the work that had been done. The Board also asked that the initial request form, when it becomes available, be forwarded.

## **9.0 State Legislative Update**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn thanked the Board members along with City of Chicago's Pat Carey for their trip to Springfield and reported that CMAP had met with 3 of 4 in leadership, the Governor's Chief of Staff, appropriations chairs and a number of other legislators to request that the General Assembly restore the funding to the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund. The meetings were all positive and the Board was briefed on next steps and the continued follow-up. Board Members were given an opportunity to discuss their take on the visit, agreeing that CMAP had been well received, that CMAP sponsors are still very positive and continue to be supportive. A suggestion that the Board further discuss HB 270 was dismissed since the bill was in Rules Committee and no further action was expected for this legislative session.

## **10.0 Tax Principles**

Senior Manager for Program and Policy Development, Matt Maloney gave an overview of documents contained in the Board packet: CMAP Tax Principles, for which staff was seeking endorsement along with CMAP Staff Analysis: Income Tax and CMAP Staff Analysis: Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) submitted for informational purposes. Board Members were given the opportunity to discuss the principles. Some concerns included property tax caps and constraints on local governments related to mandatory pension contributions and loss of business potentials in counties that border state lines. A motion by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Micheline to endorse the principles as submitted. Alan Bennett opposed the motion that passed by a unanimous vote.

## **11.0 Fiscal Year 2010 Budget & Work Plan**

CMAP's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget & Work Plan, submitted for informational purposes today, will require adoption at next month's meeting. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following: that the budget and work plan includes funding from the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (minus a 4% reduction—the most accurate estimate of Governor's action before excluding the funding altogether); that funding for water supply planning is included with Comprehensive Regional Planning Funds; that FY10 expenditures are projected at 5% less than adopted FY09 as a result of cost-savings by the agency, revenues at 7% less; that the increase in personnel costs is almost entirely a result of an increase in retirement benefits.

## **12.0 The Legacy of the Plan of Chicago**

An invited guest, Dennis McClendon, a Chicago geographer and historian, announced the Burnham Plan Centennial kick off scheduled for June 19, 2009 and gave a presentation entitled The Plan of Chicago: A Regional Legacy, based on the contents of the brochure (available online at [www.planofchicago.org](http://www.planofchicago.org)) that includes pictures of the Chicago that faced planners a century ago, the grand visions they had for the city and what actually happened (and did not happen) from the Plan of Chicago.

### **13.0 Other Business**

Sadly, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that former Mayor of Riverdale, a founding member of the CMAP Board, had resigned.

### **14.0 Public Comment**

Richard Sewell, Clinical Assistant Professor at UIC, School of Public Health, representing Health & Medicine Policy Research Group announced a summit being held on June 23, 2008, asking that CMAP join the call for action and endorse the open process. A packet of material was distributed and CMAP's Executive Director was asked to respond to the request.

Tina Dalman, chair of the ULI task force, encouraged the Board to adopt the DRI process as had been presented, adding thanks for the opportunity to be involved, that while the document may not be perfect, it is good enough to launch and asked that the Board please do so.

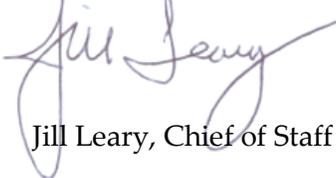
### **15.0 Next Meeting**

The Board will meet again on June 10, 2009.

### **16.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn made by Mayor Claar was seconded by Mayor Michelini at approximately 11:30 a.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary".

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, June 10, 2009*